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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

AMEND claims 1, 7 and 8 to read as follows:

*act*

1. (AMENDED) A printer for selecting one of a plurality of trays based on printing job data from a host device and printing on a paper stored therein, comprising an alternative table, different from a tray set table, for registering paper information including at least a paper size or a paper type for one tray according to a predetermined indication; and a tray selection unit for selecting the tray corresponding to the printing job data based on the alternative table in the case where the paper corresponding to the paper information specified by the printing job data is not stored in any one of the plurality of trays, each of the trays having at least a paper size or a paper type as identified in the tray set table.

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7. (AMENDED) The printer according to claim 1, wherein, in case where the paper information of a paper stored in at least one of the plurality of trays is changed, the registered paper information of the alternative table is cleared.

8. (AMENDED) The printer according to claim 1, wherein the paper information for a plurality of papers is registered for one tray in the alternative table.